

Below a copy of letter No.25022/120/08-F.I., dated the 9th July, 2008 received from Shri Ashok Kumar, Under Secretary (F) to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi regarding "Revised Visa Fees".

All the concerned authorities may be informed accordingly.

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No. RGF-2008/CR-681/FOR-I,
Home Department,
New Administrative Building,
9th Floor, Opp. Mantralaya,
Mumbai 400 032.
Dated 1st August, 2008.

Copy forwarded with compliments for information and necessary action to :

- 1) The Director General of Police, Maharashtra State, Mumbai.
- 2) The Commissioner, State Intelligence Department, Maharashtra State, Mumbai.
- 3) All Commissioners of Police
- 4) The Deputy Commissioner of Police, Special Branch-I / II, C.I.D. & F.R.R.O., Mumbai.
- 5) The Deputy Commissioner of Police, Special Branch & F.R.O., P.M.D., Nagpur/Thane/Nashik/Aurangabad/Solapur/Navi Mumbai-Vashi/Amravati.
- 6) All Superintendent of Police & F.R.Os..
- 7) P.A. to the Principal Secretary (Special)/P.A. to Deputy Secretary, Home Department (Foreigners Branch), Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400 032,
- 8) Home Department-FOR-II,
- 9) Select File.

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Jaisalmer House, 26 Mansingh Road,
New Delhi - 110 011, dated 03.07.08
9th July, 2008

To

1. JD(Bol), New Delhi
2. All State Governments/UTs

Subject: Revised Visa Fees.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject mentioned above and to enclose herewith a copy of MEA letter No. VII/406/12/07 dated 10th June, 2008 regarding revised visa fees.

2. The new revised rates which come into effect from 1st July, 2008 may be conveyed to all FRROs/FROs for information and necessary action.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,

sd/-
(ASHOK KUMAR)
Under Secretary (F)

No. VII/406/12/07

June 10, 2008

Dear HOM/HOP

In partial modification of our circular No. VII/406/3/99 dated 7.8.2000 and No. VII/406/3/99 dated 7.8.2001, it has been decided to keep tourist visa fees unchanged and to revise the visa fees for all other types of visas for nationals of all countries except those with which we have bilateral arrangement.

The following rates of visa shall be effective from 1st July, 2008.

(i)	Tourist visa (multiple entry) valid for up to six months	- US \$ 40
	Tourist visa (multiple entry) valid for one year	- US \$ 65
	Tourist visa (multiple entry) valid for up to 5 years	- US \$ 130
	For Singapore nationals, the charges will be as follows :	
	Tourist visa (multiple entry) valid for up to six months	- US \$ 25
(ii)	Transit visa (valid for 15 days - single/double entry)	- US \$ 20
(iii)	Multiple entry Student Visa (valid for the duration of the course or five years, which ever is less)	- US \$ 75
(iv)	All other types of multiple entry visas valid for: (other than tourist, transit and student visas)	
	up to six months	- US \$ 80
	up to one year	- US \$ 120
	up to five months	- US \$ 200

However, in respect of Business visas, there will be different charges for 15 specified countries at the rates indicated in Annexure-I.

Business visa should be issued for a minimum validity of one year with the stipulation that registration would be required if stay on each visit exceeds 180 days (except for the countries specified in para 50 of the Visa Manual 2003 as amended from time to time)

Also, in respect of Employment visas, there will be different charges for 17 specified countries at the rates indicated in Annexure-II.

2. Visa fees may be charged in Euros from foreign nationals applying for visas to Indian Missions/Posts in the Euro Zone countries. The exchange rate to be adopted should be US \$ 1 = Euro 1.174 and Rs.100 = Euro 2.49.

3. In view of the existing bilateral agreements/arrangements, all types of visas should be issued gratis to the nationals of Afghanistan, Argentina, Bangladesh, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Jamaica, Maldives, Mauritius, Mongolia, South Africa and Uruguay.

4. Nationals of Nepal and Bhutan do not require visa to enter India. However, Nepali nationals require visa if they enter India from China, which may be granted gratis.

5. Pakistan nationals should be charged the existing fee of Rs.15 for an Indian visa of all types.

6. The existing rates of visa fees for Sri Lankan Nationals remain unchanged. Details are as given below :

S. No.	Type of Visa	Period of validity/ No. of entries	In Rs./US\$
1	Transit visa	15 days - Single/Double entry	Rs.135
2	Business visa	6 months- Single entry	Rs.135
		6 months/1 year - Multiple entry	Rs.405
		5 years - Multiple entry	US\$75
3	Employment visa	6 months- Single entry	Rs.135
		6 months- Multiple entry	Rs.270
		1 year - Multiple entry	Rs.405
4	All other types of visa including tourist visa and student visa"	6 months- Single entry	Rs.135
		6 months- Multiple entry	Rs.270

7. In accordance with a bilateral agreement, a fee of US\$ 1 for transit visa and US\$8 for all other types of visa may be charged from Japanese nationals.

8. Service charges of US\$ 40 may be charged from Russian nationals and Service charges of Rs.2000 may be charged from Romanian nationals for all types of Indian visa. Normal visa fee schedule does not apply to them.

9. Fee for 10 year validity tourist visa issued to US nationals will continue to be US\$ 130. Visa application fee of US\$ 20 should be charged from US nationals in addition to visa fee.

10. Fee for 10 year validity business visa issued to US nationals will be US\$ 220 as well as for five years. Visa application fee of US\$ 20 should be charged from US nationals in addition to visa fee.

11. When a passport is returned by registered post after affixing visa at the request of visa applicant, the postal charges should be recovered from the applicant. Similarly, whenever a reference is made by the Mission to the Ministry or to other Missions before issuing visa to a foreigner, expenditure incurred on account of telex or fax charges should be recovered from the visa applicants. Missions may fix the charges according to local conditions.

12. When an Indian visa affixed on an old passport is transferred to a new one, a service fee for US\$ 5 should be charged. This fee should not be charged from the nationals of the countries mentioned in paras 3, 4 and 5.

13. A fee US\$ 30 introduced in March 2000 for issuing restricted/ protected area permit should not be charged from the nationals of the countries mentioned in paras 3, 4 & 5.

14. Visa fees are to be charged in local currency. The exchange rate to be adopted for fixation of visa fees in local currency, should be the same which has been applied for fixing the existing visa fee rates. If the amount converted into local currency is in decimal figure, it should be rounded-off to the next higher integer. The visa fee in terms of the local currency is to be revised if the local currency devalues against US Dollar by 10% or more. However, visa fees should not be revised if the local currency appreciates against US Dollar.

15. Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Sd/-

(R. Swaminathan)
Joint Secretary (CPV&CPO)

All Heads of Missions/Posts abroad

BUSINESS VISA FEES PROPOSED TO BE CHARGED FROM NATIONALS OF THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES ON RECIPROCAL BASIS

S. No.	Country	Up to one year	More than one year up to Five years
		US \$	US \$
1	USA	140	220
2	Ecuador	240	320
3	New Zealand	130	210
4	Ukraine	200	280
5	France	165	245
6	Australia	215	295
7	Czech Republic	190	270
8	Iran	275	355
9	Ireland	200	280
10	Nigeria	290	370
11	Poland	145	225
12	Saudi Arabia	215	295
13	U.K.	155	235
14	Thailand	200	280
15	U.A.E.	415	495

EMPLOYMENT VISA FEES PROPOSED TO BE CHARGED FROM NATIONALS OF THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES ON RECIPROCAL BASIS

S. No.	Country	Visa fees for		
		Up to six months	up to one year	More than one year up to Five years
		US \$	US \$	US \$
1	USA	100	140	220
2	Canada	150	190	270
3	U.K.	425	465	545
4	Ireland	160	200	280
5	France	135	175	255
6	Italy	105	145	225
7	Denmark	125	165	245
8	Portugal	90	130	210
9	Austria	85	125	205
10	Norway	90	130	210
11	Australia	180	220	300
12	New Zealand	145	185	265
13	Thailand	160	200	280
14	UAE	375	415	495
15	Turkey	100	140	220
16	Israel	1000	1040	1120
17	Iran	235	275	355